I AM THE CREATOR OF THE WORLD YOU GUYS LIVE IN...
IN OTHER WORDS, A "GOD".
AND THAT'S TRANSFERRING YOU GUYS INTO ANOTHER WORLD.
EVEN IF EVERYONE ELSE HATES YOU, I WON'T HATE YOU.
THAT'S WHY.
LET'S WORK HARD TOGETHER, ALL RIGHT?

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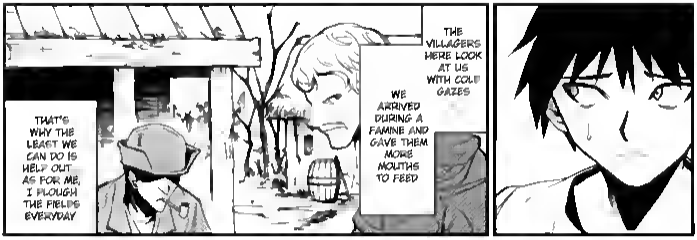
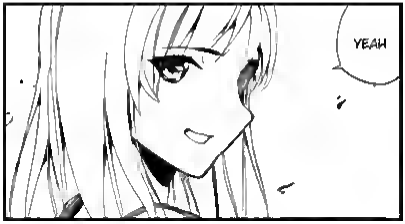
JUNPEI!
I'M BE THERE IN A SEC
NORIKO
IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE WE'VE ARRIVED IN THIS WORLD
DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT ?
WE WERE SUMMONED BY THE KING OF THIS COUNTRY.
THE BATTLE FORCES OF OTHER COUNTRIES ARE MADE UP OF HEROES.
THE KING HAD HIGH HOPES FOR US BUT WE STILL ENDED UP LOSING
IN THE END THE KING GAVE UP IN THE USELESS TRASH THAT WE ARE AND CASTED US ASIDE
DUMPED US ON THE DIRT ROAD OUTSIDE THIS REMOTE VILLAGE IN OTHER WORDS WE WERE BANISHED FROM THE CAPITAL


THE VILLAGERS HERE LOOK AT US WITH COLD GAZES
WE ARRIVED DURING A FAMINE AND GAVE THEM MORE MOUTHS TO FEED
THAT'S WHY THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS HELP OUT AS FOR ME, I PLOUGH THE FIELDS EVERYDAY

THAT'S RIGHT I HAVE TO CHANGE MYSELF
FOR NORIKO'S SAKE ..!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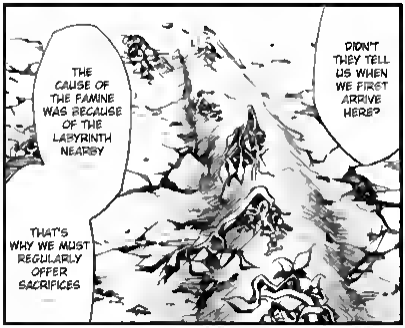
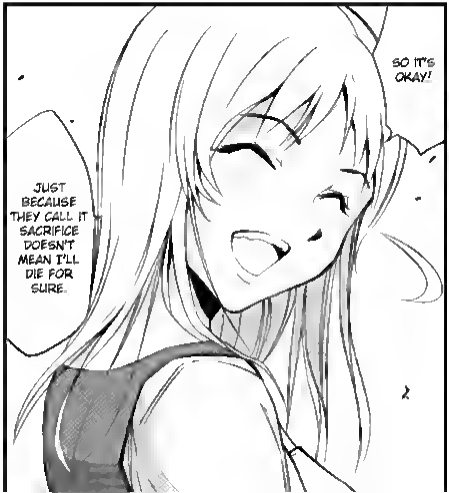

DIDN'T THEY TELL US WHEN WE FIRST ARRIVE HERE?
THE CAUSE OF THE FAMINE WAS BECAUSE OF THE LABYRINTH NEARBY
THAT'S WHY WE MUST REGULARLY OFFER SACRIFICES

SACRIFICE !?

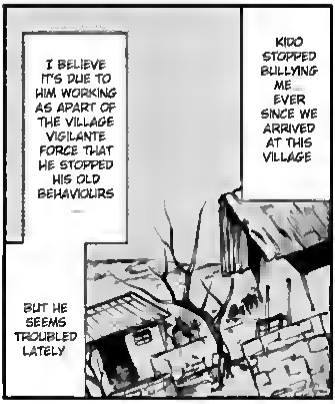
BUT MY STATUS IS THE LOWEST OUT OF EVERYONE. I'M USELESS
THAT'S TRUE
WE'RE OUTSIDERS AFTER ALL.
IT'S NOT RELATED TO US, RIGHT?
YEAH... BUT THAT'S FOR THE VILLAGERS TO WORRY ABOUT
IT'S JUST THAT I WAS THE PERFECT FIT FOR IT
IT'S NOT LIKE THE SACRIFICES THEMSELVES VOLUNTEER FOR IT...
I DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE
THE VILLAGE ELDER HAS ALREADY PICKED ME, SO...

WE'VE BEEN DESPATCHED HERE BY THE KING'S COMMAND
THAT WON'T DO..
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR!
NO WAY... HOW CAN THAT... THEN LET'S RUN AWAY!


JUST BECAUSE THEY CALL IT SACRIFICE DOESN'T MEAN I'LL DIE FOR SURE..
SO IT'S OKAY!

IF WE SELFISHLY RUN AWAY, WE WOULD BECOME WANTED CRIMINALS.
BESIDES, WE HAVE NOWHERE TO RUN TO IN THIS UNKNOWN WORLD.
AND IF WE GET CAUGHT... THEN ALL OF US WOULD... LOSE OUR LIVES

I WILL LIVE.
BUT I WON'T DIE
IT'S JUST THROWING SOMEONE INTO THE "SACRIFICIAL LABYRINTH" FULL OF UNKNOWN DANGERS
BECAUSE I WILL BE THE SACRIFICE INSTEAD
I WON'T ALLOW THAT
— NO, NORIKO
rustle
— EH?


KIDO STOPPED BULLYING ME... EVER SINCE WE ARRIVED AT THIS VILLAGE
I BELIEVE IT'S DUE TO HIM WORKING AS APART OF THE VILLAGE VIGILANTE FORCE THAT HE STOPPED HIS OLD BEHAVIOURS
BUT HE SEEMS TROUBLED LATELY

!?
KIDO-KUN...
SORRY, I HEARD WHAT YOU SAID

JUNPEI... YOU'VE CHANGED EVER SINCE YOU CAME HERE...

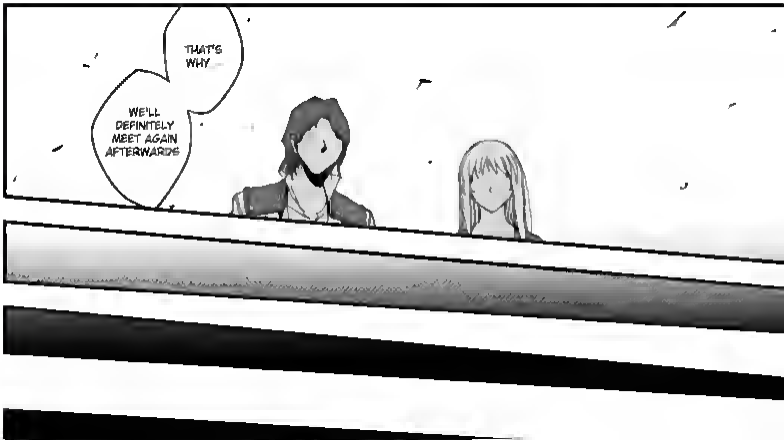
YOU KNOW...

I'M SORRY FOR BULLYING YOU
.....

AND NOW YOU EVEN OFFERED YOURSELF TO BE THE SACRIFICE IN HER PLACE... YOU REALLY ARE AN IDIOT...
YOU'VE BEEN WORKING HARD EVERY DAY...

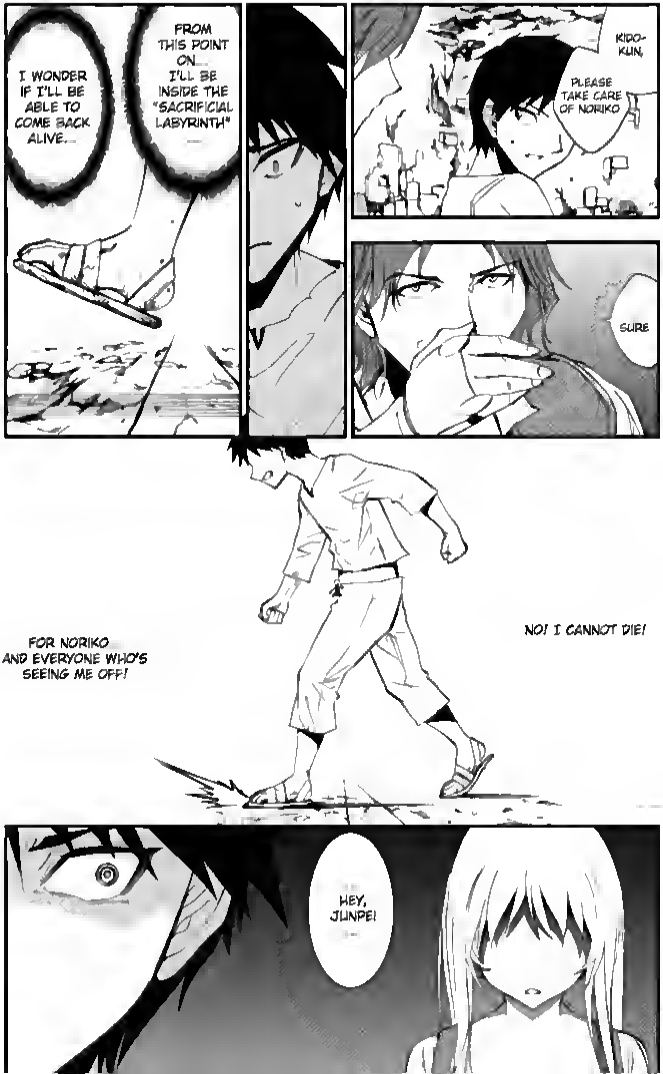
HEY, MAYBE WE SHOULD RUN AFTER ALL...
JUNPEI! I'M THE SACRIFICE SO
NO!
I'LL
I'LL GO
JUNPEI
WHEN NORIKO, YOU SAID WE HAVE TO DO OUR BEST TOGETHER...
AT THAT TIME, I THOUGHT TO MYSELF. I HAD TO CHANGE FOR YOUR SAKE
THAT'S WHY— FROM THEN ON I'VE ALWAYS BEEN DOING MY BEST...

SO, I WON'T DIE..
I'LL DEFINITELY SURVIVE.


THAT'S WHY...
WE'LL DEFINITELY MEET AGAIN AFTERWARDS

THERE

THIS... WHITE LINE MARKS THE ENTRANCE, I THINK...
HEY JUNTEI... ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THIS?
.....
MAYBE YOU SHOULD LET ME...
NO.


I WONDER IF I'LL BE ABLE TO COME BACK ALIVE...
FROM THIS POINT ON... I'LL BE INSIDE THE "SACRIFICIAL LABYRINTH"
KIDO-KUN, PLEASE TAKE CARE OF NORIKO
SURE
FOR NORIKO AND EVERYONE WHO'S SEEING ME OFF!
NO! I CANNOT DIE!
HEY, JUNPEI

IN THIS WORLD, THERE'S A LABYRINTH FULL OF RAVINES AND GAPING HOLES
IT SUDDENLY APPEARED THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO...
CAUSING ALL THE UNFORTUNATE DISASTERS IN THIS WORLD. IT CAN ALSO BE CALLED THE IMPREGNABLE LABYRINTH
A FEW FAMOUS ADVENTURERS DARED TO CHALLENGE THE LABYRINTH BEFORE...
AND NONE OF THEM CAME BACK
NORIKO ?
SAYING SOMETHING LIKE, "I'LL RETURN ALIVE" THAT'S SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE.
THE SURVIVAL RATE IS 0%!!

NORIKO WHAT ARE YOU SAYING
FROM THE MAGIC DIVISION OF THE ROYAL RESEARCH INSTITUTION'S OBSERVATIONS, THEY CONCLUDED THAT...
THIS LABYRINTH IS NOT SOMETHING OF THIS WORLD

WHICH MEANS ONCE YOU STEP THROUGH THE ENTRANCE...
YOU WON'T BE IN THIS OR THE OTHER WORLD ANYMORE. YOU'LL BE TRANSFERRED SOMEWHERE ELSE
THAT'S WHY THIS LABYRINTH THAT'S SO CLOSE TO THE VILLAGE...

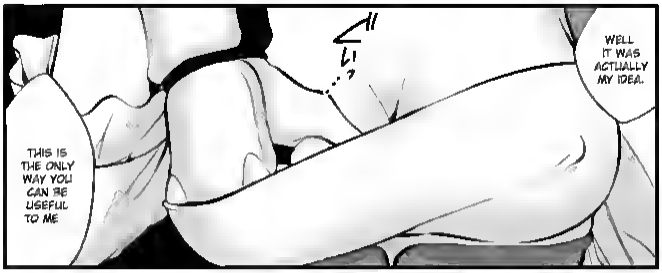
IS CALLED THE "SACRIFICIAL LABYRINTH"!

WHAT ..!?

IT'S A HUGE SUCCESS!!
GYA HAHA!!

BUT IT'S MEANING-LESS IF YOU, THE SACRIFICE, DIDN'T VOLUNTEER FOR THIS WILLINGLY
SO WE DECIDED TO PLAY A LITTLE TRICK ON YOU
SORRY JUNPEI, WE DECIDED TO GO OUT TOGETHER THE OTHER DAY.

THAT'S WHY KIDO-KUN AND I CAME UP WITH THIS PLAN.
BUT IT WAS TRUE THAT THE VILLAGE ELDER ASKED ME TO BE THE SACRIFICE.
TO JUST RUN AWAY FROM BEING A SACRIFICE
ISN'T THAT KIND OF BORING?


WELL IT WAS ACTUALLY MY IDEA.
HU?
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN BE USEFUL TO ME

BUT BETWEEN A TRASH LIKE YOU AND MY WOMAN'S BODY
WHICH ONE WOULD BE MORE USEFUL
DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND?
EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE THE SAME STATS

THAT'S RIGHT
THIS WAS ALL A LIE? NORIKO
YUP I DON'T HATE YOU
BUT I DON'T LIKE YOU EITHER
BUT DIDN'T... NORIKO SAID THAT YOU WOULDN'T HATE ME. ?
OH THAT IT WAS BECAUSE
WE WERE STILL IN THE SAFE ZONE AT THE TIME
WHAT
ABOUT PROTECTING EACH OTHER
AND HELPING EACH OTHER
BUT YOU KNOW
WHEN YOU REALIZED THE SHIT YOU RE IN YOURSELF
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO CLEARLY SEE THAT THOSE WORDS WERE NOTHING BUT BULLSHIT.

JUNPEI, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU...
ACTUALLY VOLUNTEERED TO BECOME A SACRIFICE ON MY BEHALF
OH JUNPEI YOU ARE SO KIND.
BUT...
NOT ALL PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED WITH KINDNESS.
LET ME PUT IT ANOTHER WAY,
A MORE REALISTIC WAY...
YOU ARE JUST AN IDIOT!

YOU'VE HEARD HER!
NOW GO DIE IN THE LABYRINTH!

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WA... WALL!
WELL, WE'LL BE RUNNING AWAY NOW.
WITH MY STATUS EVEN THE BEST PURSUERS THEY CAN SEND AFTER US WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE.
GOODBYE JUNPEI.
THIS IS THE LAST TIME I'LL BULLY YOU.
THANKS FOR LETTING ME HAVE SO MUCH FUN.

I DON'T
REALLY
REMEMBER WHAT
HAPPENED
AFTERWARDS
...
BUT I
JUST KEPT
ON WALKING
...
AND
THEN I
NOTICED
...
THAT
DOOR WAS
...
OPEN